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(54) CONTENTS ID PROVISION SYSTEM

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent contents from being falsified by means of digital signature data for preventing falsification even when identification information for managing contents is falsified.

SOLUTION: A contents directory server 1 authenticates a user upon request of a terminal 2, issues a contents ID that is ID information with respect to contents, and manages a relation between a user ID and the issued contents ID. Upon the receipt of the contents ID, the terminal 2 uses a contents ID provision means 25 to provide the contents ID to the contents. In this case, the contents ID are imbedded to a contents main body by using a digital watermark and digital signature data to the contents to which the contents ID is imbedded are set to header information so as to provide the contents ID and the digital signature data to the contents.

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